

HSRP Members:

Today, (10 Dec. 2004) I received the following acknowledgement via email from Mike Hemsley of Ocean.US.

Dear Mr. Rainey:

The First Annual IOOS Development Plan has been put in final draft form and submitted to our Executive Committee for their approval and subsequent transmission to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council. Your input was very helpful and the plan is better for it.

While I won't attempt to address all of your comments here, there are some that I would like to highlight.

The first is your comment, "The HSRP recommends that the IOOS plan emphasize the importance of near-shore observations to support safe and efficient marine operations." The Plan has been revised to underscore this point. The importance of charting and mapping has been given additional emphasis in the plan, as have the PORTS and NWLON systems.

Reference has been added to the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 2002.

Thank you again for your comments. I look forward to your continued interest in and support of IOOS.

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